

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WHEELING
BOARD ROOM - 2 COMMUNITY BOULEVARD
COOK and LAKE COUNTIES, WHEELING, IL
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021

1. Call to Order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by President Horcher

3. Roll Call - Village Clerk Elaine E. Simpson called the roll:

Present: Pat Horcher, Clerk Simpson, Village Manager Jon Sfondilis, and Joe Vito.

Present via Electronic Means: Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Mary Papantos, Jim Ruffatto, Dave Vogel

Also Present via Electronic Means: Director of Community Development Ross Klicker, and Village Attorney James Ferolo.

4. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 21, 2020

Motion by Joe Vito, second by Jim Ruffatto to approve Minutes as presented.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Mary Papantos, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

5. Changes to the Agenda - None

6. Proclamations - None

7. Appointments and Confirmations - None

8. Administration of Oaths - N/A

9. Citizen Concerns and Comments via Voicemail

David Kolssak commented on the Village Manager related to Consent Agenda item 11.C.

10. Staff Reports

Manger Sfondilis stated that five (5) new Police Officers will be sworn in on Tuesday, January 5. The positions became available due to retirement and attrition.

11. Consent Agenda-All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Village Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered after all other Agenda items.

A. Resolution 21-001 Authorizing and Directing the Village Manager to Execute a Service Provider Contract Renewal in the Amount of \$145,901 with Municipal GIS Partners, Inc. for GIS Support Services in FY2021 as Part of the Ongoing GIS Consortium Initiative

B. Ordinance 5385 Declaring as Surplus and Authorizing the Disposal of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Wheeling by Recycling, Trade-In, Donation, or Public Auction

Trustee Papantos asked that Consent Agenda item 11.C be pulled and moved to New Business as 13.F.

~~C. Resolution Approving an Increase in Compensation for the Village Manager Pursuant to the Village Manager's Employment Agreement~~

[Per Trustee Papantos' request, this item was removed from Consent Agenda and added to New Business]

D. Resolution 21-002 Extending Certain Benefits of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) to Village of Wheeling Employees upon Expiration of the FFCRA

E. Resolution 21-003 Authorizing Change Order Number Four to the Construction Contract with W.B. Olson, Inc. for the Demolition and Construction of a New Fire Station 23 for a Credit of \$3,738

F. Resolution 21-004 Authorizing the Acceptance of an Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority / Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Award for the Positions of Victim Services Coordinator and a New Part-time Victim Advocate

Motion by Dave Vogel, second by Mary Papantos to approve Consent Agenda as presented.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Mary Papantos, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

12. Old Business - None

13. New Business - All Listed Items for Discussion and Possible Action

A. Ordinance 5386 Granting Special Use Approval to Establish a Light Motor Vehicle Repair Facility in the B-3 General Commercial and Office District, Midas, 1044 S. Milwaukee Avenue [Docket No. 2020-25]

Clerk Simpson read the title into the record.

Director Klicker introduced the item; there were no questions from the Board.

Motion by Mary Krueger, second by Mary Papantos.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Mary Papantos, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

B. Ordinance 5387 Granting Special Use Approval to Establish a Car Wash Facility and Related Site Improvements in the B-3 General Commercial and Office District for the Property Located at 966 S. Milwaukee Avenue (H2O Express Car Wash) [Docket No. 2020-35]

Clerk Simpson read items 13.B and 13.C into the record.

Director Klicker reviewed both items and read conditions for approval. Petitioners Nick Standiford, Chris Patel, Paul Khanna, and Michi Mho were present via electronic means and answered questions from the Board.

Motion by Jim Ruffatto, second by Dave Vogel.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Mary Papantos, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

C. Ordinance 5388 Granting Major Site Plan and Building Appearance Approval for a Car Wash Facility, 966 S. Milwaukee Avenue (H2O Express Car Wash) [Docket No. PC 20-23]

Motion by Mary Krueger, second by Ray Lang.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Mary Papantos, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

D. Ordinance 5389 Granting Special Use Approval to Establish a Drive-Through Facility in the B-1 Planned Shopping Center Zoning District, Cafe Zupas, 1590 E. Lake Cook Road [Docket No. 2020-36]

Clerk Simpson read the title into the record.

Director Klicker introduced the item; there were no questions from the Board.

Motion by Jim Ruffatto, second by Mary Papantos.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Mary Papantos, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

E. DISCUSSION RE: Major Site Plan Concept Review of 225 Industrial Lane Redevelopment (Waste Management)

Clerk Simpson read the Discussion title into the record. Manager Sfondilis read the standard language regarding concept reviews. Director Klicker provided a project overview and noted several concerns and recommendations brought up by the Plan Commission. Petitioner Nick Burner was present via electronic means and answered questions from the Board related to loose trash, turn hazards/lanes, road vacation, and fencing. Board discussion continued.

President Horcher asked if the Board is in favor of the concept plan for the proposed Waste Management major site plan redevelopment.

Final Resolution: Consensus Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Mary Papantos, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

Not Present at Vote: Ray Lang

F. Resolution 21-005 Approving an Increase in Compensation for the Village Manager Pursuant to the Village Manager's Employment Agreement [moved from Consent Agenda]

Clerk Simpson read the title into the record.

In response to a citizen comment, President Horcher provided an overview of various ways that the Village has assisted businesses and residents during the pandemic, and also commented on the funds budgeted for the reconstruction of Station 23, as well as the Village Manager's supervision of these projects and initiatives.

Trustee Papantos refuted comments made by a citizen and presented factual information related to same; Trustee Papantos further stated that the Manager position (per contract) is reviewed yearly, and stated that Manager Sfondilis deserves this increase. Trustee Papantos pointed out that the proposed increase is still under the market rate and that Manager Sfondilis has dedicated his entire career to Wheeling. President Horcher clarified that this increase is still less than the average for the position.

In response to a citizen comment regarding concrete operations at a Village-owned site on South Milwaukee Avenue, Trustee Ruffatto clarified that the subject operations are being allowed on a temporary basis to assist the State's reconstruction of Wolf Road and do not constitute a permanent use on the site. Trustee Ruffatto added that the subject of staff layoffs and furloughs was most likely discussed at some point, and that staff did an excellent job of preventing such cuts; Trustee Ruffatto further stated that the Village's avoidance of staff cuts is evidence of skilled management through careful administration of the budget.

Trustee Lang spoke about the comments made by a citizen and stated that Manager Sfondilis is a fantastic leader, and that other towns are asking how Wheeling is getting developments, and that it's due to teamwork, and the team is led by Manager Sfondilis.

Trustee Krueger stated that she agreed with previous Trustee comments, and stated that salary comparisons are conducted for this position and that the increase is long overdue.

Trustee Vito clarified a statement attributed to him by a citizen. Trustee Vito further remarked that this would be a terrible time to lose the Village Manager, and stated that he would vote for the manager's salary increase. Trustee Vito added that in his dealings with the Village Manager he's never experienced the "nefariousness" alleged in the citizen comment.

Motion by Mary Krueger, second by Ray Lang.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Mary Papantos, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

14. Official Communications

Trustee Lang expressed support for Discussion Item 13.E; he was not present for the official vote due technical difficulties.

Clerk Simpson announced that applications for mail ballots for the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election will be available Wednesday, January 6. Applications may be obtained directly from www.cookcountyclerk.com or by calling 847-499-9082.

15. Approval of Bills

Approval of Bills for December 17-December 30, 2020 in the amount of \$1,270,390.18¢

Motion by Mary Papantos, second by Joe Vito to approve Bills as presented.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Mary Papantos, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

16. Executive Session - None

17. Action on Executive Session Items - N/A

18. Adjournment

President Horcher asked for a Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Mary Krueger, second by Mary Papantos.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved, the open meeting recessed at 7:54 p.m.

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Mary Papantos, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

Elaine E. Simpson, Village Clerk

Approved this 18th day of January 2021, by the President and Board of Trustees